UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. White

DATE: 1-Office, 7133
1-Mr. Kilty
March 13, 1975
1-Mr. Cunningham

FROM : M. E. Williams

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF JOHN NICHOLS, M.D. REGARDING JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS

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Reference is made to Legal Counsel to J. B. Adams' memorandum of February 26, 1975, wherein the Laboratory was asked to review Nichols' requests in his letter received February 21, 1975, and in his telegram of February 19, 1975, and comment on the availability of the material.

Item No. 1

His first item requests the "raw data" and "derived results" of neutron activation analysis (NAA) and/or spectrographic examinations conducted on the following specimens and any other specimens so examined:

Description of Specimens

Commission Exhibit Number	Laboratory Number	Description
CE 399	Q1	Bullet from Stretcher
CE 567	Q2	Bullet fragment from front seat cushion
CE 569	Q3	Bullet fragment from beside front seat, right side
CE 843	Q4, Q5	Metal fragments from President's head
CE 842	Q9	Metal fragment from arm of Governor John Connally

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1 - Mr. Bresson
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CE 840	Q14	Three metal fragments recovered from rear floor board carpet
CE 573	Q188	Bullet from General Walker's residence

The response to this request is being limited to the specimens listed by Nichols and two copies of the "raw data" and "derived results" are attached for review. It should be noted that no NAA examinations were conducted on CE 569 and CE 573.

The attached notes and calculations may not be entirely responsive to Nichols' "raw data" request. The actual data printouts for NAA are available but are not being furnished because the numbers obtained from the data printouts were subjected to basic arithmetic operations the results of which are incorporated in the information furnished with this memorandum.

The Special Photographic Unit of the Laboratory is still involved in the reproduction of the spectrographic plates. These reproductions will be available by March 24, 1975.

Items No. 2 through 5

The answers to Nichols' second through fifth items were included in Bureau letter to Nichols dated March 7, 1975.

Request in telegram dated February 19, 1975

Except for small amounts of each specimen which were removed for spectrographic and/or NAA examinations, the specimens referred to were turned over to the National Archives and are in the custody of the Archivist. The amounts of material removed for preparation of the specimens for examination were not recorded nor were the remaining weights recorded.

The Laboratory is not in position to respond to Nichols' request for permission to conduct his own examinations of the referred to specimens.

ACTION: None. For information only.